

COMPLETE TIE-UP, GRANITE WORK; 4,500 MEN IDLE

Suspension of Industry To-day

Following Failure of Negotiations Saturday Night Affects Whole of Washington County.

MANUFACTURERS ASK NATIONAL ARBITRATION

Unions Met To-day and Ap- pointed Dispute Commit- tees, Following the Sus- pension Vote of Saturday Night.

Because of the failure of negotiations for a new labor agreement, to take the place of the old one which expired Saturday night at midnight, the entire granite industry of Barre and Washington county was tied up to-day; 4,500 workmen began a "vacation" and two hundred plants are idle. How long the conditions will last is problematical.

Heretofore, with the single exception of the disastrous suspension of the summer of 1892, the parties to the labor agreement have been able to patch up their differences in short order when the real crisis came. The '92 trouble lasted from the first of May to early fall, and the blighting effects were felt for a long time. Since then, no suspension has continued longer than a week, and there have been very few occasions when it became necessary to resort to suspension.

This present situation affects both the quarrying and the manufacturing ends of the industry, as the agreements in both branches expired at the same time. Three months ago Barre branch, G. C. E. A., and the allied unions presented formal notice of their desire for a change of terms of settlement, and the manufacturers did the same; while at the quarry, the owners put in their notice of a desire for a change. Since that time negotiations have been conducted at weekly intervals, until last week when more frequent efforts were made to reach a settlement. On March 1, the culmination came Saturday night, when the unions refused the propositions advanced and voted a suspension of work.

The say-so of the granite cutters' union in Barre, numbering 1,770 members, "goes" with the other unions, and when that union voted unanimously Saturday evening against agreement on the basis proposed, the others followed suit. The granite cutters' meeting was held in the opera house, and the tool sharpeners and the polishers met with them. There never was a larger meeting than that. The capacity of the house was not nearly capable of holding the crowd. Every seat was full, the aisles were jammed, the rear of the hall was a mass of men and even the stairway held its quota of those who couldn't get in. Besides, many went away. About 1,600 were in attendance.

The work was of short order, however, consisting in a refusal to consider the offer made by the manufacturers and followed by the suspension of work vote. At the same time the quarry workers were in session at Miles' hall, Graniteville, and the lumpers, boxers and derickmen in Nichols' hall, this city. They also refused to accept the proposition, and with the steam engineers make the movement unanimous among all the unions.

The granite cutters, who had been getting 37½ cents an hour average, bi-weekly pay and Saturday half-holidays during June, July, August and September, originally asked for 40 cents an hour minimum, weekly pay and Saturday half-holidays the year around, while the manufacturers made a proposition for practically the old agreement. The difference in the quarry propositions was mainly over length of agreement, the men wanting a yearly agreement while the owners asked for one to run three years. There was, however, one other contention as to over-time pay, and it now constitutes the chief point at issue.

The Men Affected.
Representatives were present at Saturday night's meetings from other communities and telephonic communication with those unrepresented was held, so that not a union hammer is being lifted to-day in Montpelier, Northfield, Williamstown, Waterbury, East Barre, as well as Barre, while the suspension order also takes in Morrisville and South Ryegate.

The last official roster of granite cutters in the unions affected showed a total of 2,734, divided as follows:

Barre	1,770
Montpelier	173
Northfield (also polishers)	63
Williamstown	63
South Ryegate	63
East Barre	51
Waterbury (all unions)	48
Morrisville	13

There are also the allied unions, lumpers, boxers and derickmen, 127; polishers, 63; steam engineers, 30; quarry workers, 1,000. In the granite cutters' unions, as will be seen, the greater majority are

TRAGEDY IN CHICAGO

In Front of Chief of Police's House

SEVERAL MEN WERE SHOT

Two Unknown Men, One of Whom Was Killed, Rang the Bell and Began a Fustile To-day.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—Chief of Police Shipper was stabbed in the arm, his driver, John Foley, was probably fatally shot and an unknown man killed by the chief when two men, supposed to be anarchists or members of the "Black Hand," called at the house this morning and fired on George Shipper, his son, who answered the bell. Young Shipper was shot twice and is not expected to live. Foley rushed to the boy's assistance and received a bullet in the chest. Chief Shipper then arrived and the assailant slashed at him with a knife, inflicting two serious cuts. Shipper immediately fired, killing the assailant.

PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Man and Three of His Children Died in Buffalo, N. Y.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—Anthony Schultz, 35 years old and three of his small children, were killed by death in a small fire in the business section of Buffalo Sunday morning. Mrs. Schultz, 35 years old, was killed by a fire in the business section of Buffalo Sunday morning. Mrs. Schultz, 35 years old, was killed by a fire in the business section of Buffalo Sunday morning.

The Schultz family lived up stairs in a frame house. Down stairs George Bednech runs a saloon, living in the rear with his wife. Last night Bednech and his wife slept in another part of the town where they had gone to visit a relative.

The flames were discovered by a watchman at the Gould coupler works a few blocks distant. He gave the alarm. By the time the firemen had arrived, Walter Schultz, the oldest son, who lives next door to the Schultz home, had been awakened. He ran up the flame-choked stairway and carried his mother safely to the street. Then he went into the burning building and located the youngest children and helped rescue them. By that time the whole house was wrapped in flames. The fire was too fierce there to attempt further rescue, the blackened bodies were found an hour after the fire.

SHOT HIMSELF AFTER JUMPING INTO WATER

Peculiar Death Efforts of a Dedham, Mass., Man, After He Had Fired Several Times at a Boy.

Dedham, Mass., March 2.—Chasing a boy named John Crossen, with whom he had quarreled, and at whom he had fired several shots from a revolver, while both were on the ice of the Charles river yesterday, Raffaele Calibrese, aged 22 years, fell into the water of the river, and immediately after fired a shot into his own head, dying almost instantly. It is believed the man thought that he was going to drown, although the water where he fell in was only two or three feet deep.

Crossen, who is 17 years old, and lives at 62 Church street, and Calibrese at 123 Eastern avenue, and was employed in the car shops at Revereville, had a quarrel on the ice over the sale of a bicycle recently. In the course of the quarrel, it is claimed Crossen struck Calibrese with a stick over the head.

Calibrese gave chase after the boy and pursued him for some 100 yards on the ice. Crossen was on skates and easily got away, whereupon Calibrese drew a revolver and fired several shots at the fleeing boy.

In his hurry the Italian failed to notice a dangerous place in the ice, despite the shouts of skaters, and he broke through and went into the water up to his waist. Almost at the same time, Calibrese was seen to draw his revolver again, point it at his own head, and fire.

The man's body was recovered later by several men, and the medical examiner summoned.

Crossen is held by the police pending an investigation.

TAMPA'S FIRE LOSS.

Yesterday Was \$680,000—Large Section Burned.

Tampa, Fla., March 2.—The entire extreme northeastern section of the city proper was destroyed by fire yesterday. The area burned covered 35 acres and 100 buildings were destroyed, with a loss estimated at \$600,000, including four large and one small cigar factories and numerous restaurants, saloons, boarding houses and over 200 dwellings occupied by cigar makers. The factories burned and the losses sustained were: Mr. Stachelsberg and company \$100,000; Mr. Perez and company \$50,000; Gonzalez Fisher and company \$40,000; Koberg Gunst and company branch office \$20,000 and Fernandez and Brother \$20,000.

BROOKLYN VERMONTERS.

Gov. Proctor and Congressman Foster to Speak at Their Annual Banquet.

New York, March 2.—The Brooklyn society of Vermonters will hold its annual reception followed by a banquet Tuesday evening when the guest of honor will be Governor Proctor of Vermont, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Proctor. The reception will begin at 6:30 o'clock and speeches will be made at the banquet by Governor Proctor and the Hon. D. J. Foster, member of Congress from Vermont.

TAFT CAN'T COME TO VERMONT NOW

So the Proposed Joint Meeting of the S. A. R. and the Red Cross Has Been Abandoned.

St. Albans, March 2.—The proposed joint meeting of the Vermont Sons of the American Revolution and the Red Cross society has been abandoned on account of word being received from Secretary William H. Taft that owing to so many pressing engagements, for which dates have already been fixed, it will be impossible for him to come to Vermont before May. The officers of the S. A. R. in view of the fact that it is impossible now to have the meeting in March at the usual time of holding the mid-winter banquet and also as it is customary to hold a meeting during the session of the legislature, that the two meetings would come too near together and insofar as the S. A. R. is concerned decided to give up its meeting until May in hopes that Secretary Taft can be present at that time.

ANDREW HAMILTON DEAD.

Had Been Famous as Insurance Lawyer—Victim of Heart Disease.

Albany, N. Y., March 2.—Andrew Hamilton, formerly counsel to the New York Life and other insurance companies, and in charge for many years of insurance litigation and legislative matters in all parts of this country and Canada, was found dead in bed Sunday at his home in this city. He was about the city yesterday afternoon and last evening, apparently in normal health, and his death was entirely unexpected, although he has been failing to some extent ever since the death of Mrs. Hamilton last July. An autopsy yesterday afternoon disclosed an acute dilation of the heart must have caused practically instantaneous death at some time during the night.

THE APPEAL OF FACTS.

[Continued.]

One of our foremost citizens, and a high official, has furnished some statistics which point a moral: "The city of Burlington, under prohibition in 1901, had 90 convictions for intoxication; in 1902 under prohibition, 88 convictions; in 1903 under license, 231 convictions; in 1904, 238 convictions; in 1905, 266 convictions; in 1906, 207 convictions. Thus we see that the number of convictions during 1906 under license was more than 300 per cent. greater than during the last year of prohibition in 1902.

"The city of Rutland, under prohibition in 1901, had 97 convictions; in 1902 under prohibition, 94 convictions; in 1903 under license, 439 convictions; in 1904 under no license, 243 convictions; in 1905, under license, 434 convictions; and in 1906, under license, 491 convictions, almost five times as large under license.

"Our own city of Barre, under prohibition in 1902, had 58 convictions for intoxication; in 1903, the first four months under prohibition, 20 convictions, and the last eight months under license, 125 convictions; in 1904, under license, 139 convictions; in 1905, under no license, 121 convictions; in 1906 under no license, 100 convictions; and from May 1, 1907, to Feb. 10, 1908, under license 309 convictions, and if it continues throughout the year at the same ratio, there will be nearly 400 convictions for the year, or four times as many as under no license. Barre town, in 1906 under license, had 80 convictions; in 1907 under no license, 30, making about three times as many under license. The number of contributors to the Washington county jail for intoxication from January 1907 to January 1908, in Barre City were 122; in Barre Town, 14; in Montpelier, 35; in Waterbury, 3; in Northfield, 3; total, 187; and of this number, therefore, Barre City furnished 70 per cent."

And he concludes: "So it behooves the temperance people and everyone interested in the welfare of this city to be at the polls on next election day and vote the emphatic NO."

MONTEPIER'S PROSPECT.

Prominent men of our neighboring city forecast a "no" vote. It was last year 195 majority.

Wm. Thornhill, says: "Montpelier people are too well pleased to make a change."

T. R. Merrill, city clerk and treasurer, says: "In my opinion, Montpelier will go 'dry.'"

Judge E. M. Harvey: "The chances are better that it will go 'no.'"

A FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION.

We may well ponder the words of our city official, after his conservative estimate that \$75,000 in capital will go out of our city this year for liquors which do harm to the community rather than good—AN AMOUNT WHICH WOULD PAY OUR ENTIRE FIRST ISSUE OF BONDS FOR SEWER; WHICH WOULD RUN OUR SCHOOLS FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS; WHICH WOULD PAVE NORTH MAIN STREET FOR A DISTANCE OF THREE TIMES THAT PORTION PAVED THE FIRST YEAR."

Do we want local improvements? Two fine, new hotels could go up with the amount that has been worse than wasted here and sent away to enrich others. What is done to the impoverishment of the purses of citizens is a loss to the community as a whole.

THIRTY-THREE NOW IN JAIL.

One of the ministers of Barre preached in the jail at Montpelier yesterday afternoon, and was told by the warden that the thirty-three whom he addressed were these because of rum. Moral—vote "no" to-morrow.

VOIE RIGHT.

The good advice followed by so many in Oklahoma applies to Barre citizens: "Every man of you is personally responsible for this election. Go into your booth with your ballot, your conscience and your God. Cast that ballot as you would if your Mayor and your mother stood by you, and you will vote right—which is No."

ARE WORKING AT QUINCY

Under Reference of Matter to National Executives

WESTERLY MEN STILL OUT

Quarrymen at Cape Ann Didn't Get Together and Are Out To-day, But the Paving Cutters Sign Agreement.

Boston, March 2.—The granite cutters at Quincy reported for work today, having voted to refer the matter in dispute to the national executive committee of the granite cutters' union and granite manufacturers' association for arbitration. At Westbury the unions have made no concessions and still demand a new wage scale, calling for a minimum compensation of 40 cents per hour. The paving cutters and blacksmiths at Westbury also struck today.

At Concord, N. H., there will be no trouble until May 1, when the contract between the employers and men expires. The men, however, have submitted demands similar to those presented to the manufacturers at Barre. As yet the manufacturers have not acted.

The quarrymen at Gloucester, Mass., have failed to reach an agreement and may walk out. The companies are willing to give an advance but insist upon a three year schedule.

Gloucester, Mass., March 2.—No agreement was reached between the representatives of the quarrymen and engineers unions, and the granite manufacturers at a conference in Rockport on a new price schedule.

The companies were willing to give an advance over the present scale, but insisted on a three year schedule being signed by the unions. The unions are ready to sign for one year. They have 700 members.

The paving cutters' union has voted to sign a three-year agreement at the present scale and will continue work as usual.

Westbury, N. J., March 2.—About 300 granite cutters, employed in the Westbury shops, went out on strike Saturday night, demanding 40 cents an hour minimum wage, in place of 37½ cents as paid them heretofore.

The vote was 75 to 22 in favor of re-signing a former vote to strike, but as it required two-thirds in favor the motion was lost and the strike order was declared effective.

Nearly 50 paving cutters also decided by unanimous vote to strike for an increase amounting to about \$1.50 per 1,000 blocks. In other words, they demand nine hours' pay for eight hours' work.

The blacksmiths, to the number of 45, are also on strike with the granite cutters, having demanded the same wages as the cutters.

MAY 1 IN CONCORD.

Do Not Expect Any Labor Trouble on That Date.

Concord, N. H., March 2.—The Associated Press story, given general publication in the newspapers of New England Saturday night, and relating to the prospective tie-up in the granite industry of this section of the country because of differences between the workmen and the manufacturers, is not taken seriously here in Concord. At least there is little reason to believe that there will be a strike in the industry here.

With respect to the difficulties that seem to confront Barre, Westbury and Quincy, the three principal competing centers with which Concord granite comes in contact, very little is known here in Concord, except as newspaper stories and now and then a workman from one of these places comes to Concord. The fact is that the foresight of both the union men and the manufacturers of Concord placed this city in an especially favorable position to avoid extended difficulties, about ten years ago.

When the big granite strike in Concord was called ten years ago, it was agreed that an accepted bill of prices should run for three years and end on May 1. To make a change in any of the conditions of the existing schedule of prices and conditions, either party must give the other three months' notice.

In accordance with this proviso, the local unions, desiring some changes, led by the manufacturers, a proposed schedule on February 1, this year, the new bill to go into effect when the present one expires, after its three-year run, May 1. This new proposition is now under consideration by the manufacturers, and conference committees have been appointed to the end that two sides of the controversy may reach an agreement before May.

Where the Concord industry is in a happy position because of the foresight of the men who originated the present plan of doing things, lies in the fact that at Barre and Westbury, any change made in existing schedules must be agreements maintaining in those places to go into effect March 1. This gives the Concord men an opportunity to see how their competitors get along, and they can regulate the Concord prices and conditions to meet any conditions that are built up by their competitors.

GOES TO ANNAPOLIS.

William E. Bailey Successful Seeker For Naval Appointment.

The results of the competitive examination for a midshipman in the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md., which took place here February 22, was announced Saturday. The successful candidate is William E. Bailey, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi W. Bailey, who lives near the town line between Montpelier and Berlin. Mr. Bailey will probably leave for the final examinations at Annapolis in June.

FOUR CASES IN COURT.

All The Respondents Were Sent to The County Jail.

Four men were sent down by the city court this morning to swell the boarders in the county jail at Montpelier. Three of the quartette were arrested in the early hours of Sunday morning and the fourth was taken in Saturday. Murdoch McAnley of Barre Town, arrested by Officer Hamel, John Harris of Quincy, Mass., arrested by Officer Richardson, Henry Sullivan of Cape Ann, Mass., and Edward LaFarr of Montpelier, arrested by Chief Paulsen, constituted the quartette, and all but LaFarr pleaded guilty to first offenses and were sentenced for 20 days. LaFarr pleaded guilty to a subsequent offense and was sentenced for 75 days.

The quarterly report of the Barre city court sent to the state auditor for the quarter ending February 29 contains 71 cases for the three months. The cases were 65 for intoxication, three for selling, one for tramp, one for breach of the peace and one for search and seizure. Only the cases of breach of the peace that are sentenced to the house of correction are contained in the report. The total amount of the fines imposed was \$430, amount of fines and costs collected \$273.20 and the costs against the state were \$540.88.

MRS. SCOTT'S FUNERAL.

Was Held Yesterday Afternoon From St. Monica's Church.

The funeral services of Mrs. Julia A. Scott were held from St. Monica's church at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Mass was celebrated by the Rev. P. M. McKenna. The church was filled with relatives and friends. The floral tributes were many and very beautiful. The pall bearers were Arthur C. Moore, James Brown, George Gorman, Clyde Rock, James Morrison and Frank Rooney. The interment was in the Catholic cemetery. Among those from out of the city who attended the funeral were Mrs. M. D. McMahon, Mrs. P. E. Mcweeney and Mrs. Rose Berry of Burlington and Thomas Miles of St. Albans.

FUNERAL OF JOSIAH GALE.

Body Was Placed in Vault at Elmwood Cemetery.

The funeral of Josiah Gale was held from his late home on the East Hill Saturday afternoon, the Rev. F. A. Poole officiating. There was a good attendance of neighbors and friends. Two selections were sung by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Allen. The bearers were J. Newton Gale of St. Johnsbury, Fred Gale of Plainfield and Charles Gill of Montpelier and Bert Webster of Barre. The body was placed in the vault at Elmwood cemetery.

LOOKS LIKE LICENSE.

Majority of New Voters in Northfield Taken Saturday Favor "Yes."

Northfield, March 2.—The last meeting of the board of civil authority before the annual town meeting on Tuesday next was held at the town clerk's office Saturday, and names were placed on the list as late as eleven o'clock. During the day there were 62 names added. It is said that 40 out of the 62 were voters in favor of license.

CLOSE IN MONTEPIER.

License Vote is Apt to Fall on Either Side of Question.

It is said in Montpelier today that the "Yes" strength is growing and that the conditions seem to favor a vote there in favor of licensing the sale of liquor. The sentiment has been developing during the past few days, while the no-license people have made little effort. An extremely close vote is conceded by either side.

Udall-Tillotson.

Wolcott, March 2.—Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Conant occurred the wedding of their daughter, Mrs. Mabel Tillotson, to Leo Udall, by the Rev. J. H. Mills. Both parties are well known young people of this town and a host of friends extend their congratulations. They left on the 6 o'clock train for a short sojourn in the southern part of the state.

Prisoner Got Drunk on Errand.

El Carter, the inmate of the county jail who got drunk when he was sent out on an errand by Sheriff Tracy, was in Montpelier city court today and sentenced to ninety days' confinement in the county institution. He is being previously pleaded guilty to the accusation.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

James G. Hildreth Will Be Taken to Windsor, Vt., Today.

Manchester, N. H., March 2.—James G. Hildreth, alias E. Bald of Windsor, Vt., gave himself up to the Manchester police Saturday afternoon, informing Deputy Cassidy that he was wanted at Windsor on the charge of forgery. He said that he desired to be delivered to the authorities of that town.

Hildreth said that he had forged the name of S. A. Reed of Windsor to a check for \$75.

The Windsor authorities were communicated with, and it was learned that Hildreth's story was true. An official from that town will come to Manchester for him today.

Hildreth was discharged from the Hillsborough county jail on Friday after being there for eleven weeks for non-payment of board at the New Manchester house. He went under the name of H. Mack at the hotel.

It is understood that Hildreth has done a year in the Windsor jail before for forgery.

He claims to have been at the head of a shoe company when the last forgery was committed.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Dance, Ebony minstrel, Moving pictures, opera house. Moving pictures, Hays' pavilion. Moving pictures, Theatrical. City council.

WAS NOT CAUSE FOR REVOKING

Decided Barre License Commissioners

IN DIVERSI'S COMPLAINT

William A. Wright, on Whose Disclosure Was Based the Investigation, Took Oath He Didn't Buy Liquor There.

A public hearing of testimony with a view to possible revocation of the second class liquor license of Angelo Diversi was held by the license commissioners at the city court room Saturday night, as the result of which the commissioners decided not to revoke the license as they decided the evidence presented did not warrant such action. William A. Wright, on whose disclosure (said to have been under oath) to Grand Juror Davis the action was brought, turned out and on oath declared that he did not buy the liquor at Diversi's store, but that a "stranger" bought it for him. There was otherwise no evidence that Wright had bought liquor there.

Eight witnesses were heard, the commissioners summoning five and Diversi three, including himself. The whole case hinged on the testimony of Wright, who went on the stand and said that he had not bought any liquor at Diversi's since December 26. He said that a stranger, on request, went into Diversi's and bought two half-pints of whiskey and delivered it to him (Wright). The latter then took the bundle to W. H. Connor's store, where he asked permission to keep it for a time, talking with a clerk. When the proprietor came in, he didn't know about the arrangement, and finding liquor in the bundle decided to get it off his hands by notifying the grand juror. Hence the present investigation. There is a case pending in county court against Diversi on the charge of selling to a posted person, growing out of this alleged sale, the case having been taken up from the local city court.

This forenoon the commissioners received a request from the licensees for permission to close their places of business to-day. The licensees had already kept their places closed up to nine o'clock this forenoon, of their own accord, and, acting on the vote of the commission, they will keep them closed for the remainder of the day. The commissioners did not order them closed. To-morrow being election day, the saloons cannot be opened.

The licensees stated to-day that they decided to close in the interests of a settlement of the granite discussions and that their action was purely voluntary, with no suggestion from outside.

BUGBEE-NICHOLS.

Ceremony Performed at Bride's Home This Forenoon.

Miss Elizabeth J. Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Nichols, and Roy C. Bugbee were united in marriage at ten o'clock this morning at the bride's home on Broad street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. M. McKenna in the presence of a party of about forty friends and relatives.

The couple stood under an arch of evergreen and roses and were attended by Miss Margaret Nichols, sister of the bride, and James Mackay, jr. The bride wore a pretty gown of dark blue with ivory collar. The bride and groom are very well known young people of the city and their many friends join in wishing them happiness. The groom is employed with his father, C. L. Bugbee, the contractor and builder.

SHOWS GOOD INCREASE.

Barre Savings Bank Increases Its Surplus and Profits.

The Barre Savings Bank & Trust company closed its 15th year Saturday and is to-day paying its 15th annual dividend to stockholders of 8 per cent. It has increased its surplus and undivided profits \$4,296.63, making that account \$25,451.15. The total deposits are \$1,390,942.50, being a gain of \$72,474.11 with total assets of \$1,475,828.29. The past year its depositors have received 4 per cent. compound interest, credited October and April first, and the same rate will be paid the coming year. The state received \$7,554.01 in taxes, being an increase of \$1,038.48 over the preceding year. This fact shows a good increase of business for the bank the past year.

WIPED OUT DEBT.

Fine Work of Montpelier End of The Association.

The base ball fair in aid of the Inter-city athletic association closed at Montpelier Saturday evening and the third workers went home, having the satisfaction of knowing that the debt which has so long been hanging over the association will be wiped out. The net receipts of the fair amount yet to be stated but they are probably between \$800 and \$1,000. The awarding of the prizes Saturday evening was an attractive while packed the hall to the door. The principal prizes were awarded as follows: Prismatic ring to Mrs. Fred M. Bennett; gold watch to E. R. Thomas; Morris coat to Charles H. Webster; \$500 purse to Miss Mabel Nelson; silver cup to W. A. Lord; \$100 dresser to Arthur Russell of Barre.